

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listings of Claims:

Claim 1: (Currently Amended) A solid porous surfactant body comprising at least 60 wt% surfactant, and having a density not exceeding 700 g/litre, which contains from 0.1 to 15 wt% binder comprising polyethylene glycol, wherein said body is substantially free of inorganic salts other than bleaching salts and wherein said body has particles of irregular shape that are flakes.

Claim 2: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, comprising at least 75 wt% surfactant.

Claim 3: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 2, comprising at least 90 wt% surfactant.

Claim 4: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, having a density not exceeding 600 g/litre.

Claim 5: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, comprising at least 50 wt% of anionic sulphonate and/or sulphate surfactant.

Claim 6: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, comprising at least 70 wt% of anionic sulphonate and/or sulphate surfactant.

Claim 7: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 6, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises alkylbenzene sulphonate and/or alkyl sulphate.

Claim 8: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, which further comprises an ethoxylated alcohol nonionic surfactant of the general formula I



wherein R is a hydrocarbyl chain having from 8 to 16 carbon atoms, and the average degree of ethoxylation n is from 20 to 50.

Claim 9: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 8, wherein the ethoxylated alcohol nonionic surfactant has a hydrocarbyl chain containing from 10 to 16 carbon atoms and an average degree of ethoxylation n of from 25 to 40.

Claim 10: (Currently Amended) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 18, which contains from 1 to 20 wt%, preferably from 5 to 15 wt%, of the ethoxylated nonionic surfactant.

Claim 11: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surfactant comprises anionic surfactant and ethoxylated non-ionic surfactant in a ratio of from 1:1 to 15:1, preferably from 1:1 to 10:1, more preferably from 2:1 to 6:1.

Claims 12 – 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, in the form of an assembly of particles of particle size greater than 1 micron and not exceeding 1500 microns.

Claim 15: (Original) A solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 14, wherein the particle size is within the range of from 200 to 1000 microns.

Claims 16 – 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20: (Original) A process for the preparation of a solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, which comprises the steps of

- (i) converting an assembly of surfactant particles to a cohesive state by heating and/or mixing with binder,
- (ii) allowing the resulting cohesive assembly of particles to set to form a solid body.

Claim 21: (Original) A particulate detergent composition comprising a solid porous surfactant body as claimed in claim 1, in a mixture or conjunction with one or more other solid detergent ingredients.